

Info Pack

1st to the 9th of April of 2015 in Beja, Alentejo, Portugal

Close Up **Youth Exchange**

Summary:

The Youth Exchange "Close Up" has as main themes: European Citizenship and Cultural Diversity

In A&D we believe that education, social and cultural awareness are the best tools to overcome the European cultural struggles, through a better education we will be better citizens.

In this project we want to promote and disseminate the best practices in youth work and non-formal education, as well, empower young people skills and self-awareness.

The Close Up Project aims to join young people and youth workers in for reflection about the different cultural and social aspects in Europe.

Intolerance is a symptom of the cultural issues in Europe and discrimination is the reflex of the non-acceptance of diversity.

The inter-cultural dialogue, will fight the intolerance and the lack of knowledge of the "other". This actions are not only inherent in the thematic of the project but, in a transversal and global way, it help youngsters to build themselves in a peaceful and open minded conscience.

With the variety and diversity of countries involved in "Close Up" this will provide participants with many opportunities to consider and discuss concepts of European Citizenship and Cultural Diversity.

Our objectives are:

Promote solidarity and tolerance - through a multicultural group create the atmosphere to share cultures supported on acceptance.

Promote active citizenship - through cultural awareness make youngsters more committed and active in society, family and promote European suffrage participation.

Promote mutual understanding between young people - by promoting the meeting, communication and acceptance of different cultures and cultural backgrounds and including young people with fewer opportunities in a different linguistic environment (where they can get in touch with Portuguese language).

Empower and develop systems to support youth activities - by promoting the innovative thinking, creativity, entrepreneurship and employability.

The youth exchange will consist in three phases:

- ice braking and introductory activities;
- cultural assessment and practical working activities;
- Public sessions:
 - Public information sessions about Erasmus + Program;
 - Public Cultural Market;

(soon we will send you and your participants more information about the preparation for the activities)

Partner's information:

The youth exchange will take place from the 1st to the 9th of April of 2015 in Beja, Alentejo, Portugal

BEJA looks like this...



(More information about accommodation and venue will be released later)

COSTS

Board, lodging and program costs will be covered by funding from the PT National Agency. However, please ensure you have money to cover drinks, telephone, taxi fares, etc, during free (non-program) time.

We have a budget for travel costs. In accordance with the conditions of the ERASMUS + Program we can only refund (up to the maximum agreed budget for your country), if the following points are fulfilled:

- Your travel route is from your home town (if you happen to be travelling from another country because you are perhaps on holiday or at a seminar, etc, please contact us as soon as possible) to the venue in Beja, Portugal and back.
- You have chosen reasonable and economic means of transportation (e.g. APEX or student fares for flight tickets, cheap airlines, 2nd class trains).
- Your travel dates are according to the dates of the program (arrival in advance or departure after the program is possible but please contact let us know about this as we may have to check with the NA about this) or if you travel earlier or return later by proving transfer is cheaper.
- You have a receipt or invoice for the cost of your plane ticket and the boarding cards or the train tickets.
- If you go by plane and book an e-ticket please send a copy by email to autonomiaedescoberta@gmail.com

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Below is a breakdown of travel costs. When we applied to the PT NA we budgeted for travel costs to and from Beja at 100%. We based this on estimated costs at the time of application. As is normal with funding rule under ERASMUS + programmes the maximum travel we can reimburse participants:

Promoter	Persons	From	To	Transport	PER PERSON	Costs (100%)
Associazione Futuro Digitale	5	Italy	BEJA	BUS, TRAIN FLIGHT	270.00 €	1350.00 €
Ocean Znanja	5	Croatia	BEJA	BUS, TRAIN FLIGHT	270.00 €	1350.00 €
MONOPATIA ALLILEGGIIS	5	Greece	BEJA	BUS, TRAIN FLIGHT	270.00 €	1350.00 €
Centrum Wolontariatu w Kielcach	5	Poland	BEJA	BUS, TRAIN FLIGHT	270.00 €	1350.00 €
Asociación La Rotllana	5	Spain	BEJA	BUS, TRAIN FLIGHT	170.00 €	850.00€
Hyvärilä Youth Centre	5	Finland	BEJA	BUS, TRAIN FLIGHT	400.00 €	2000.00 €

CONTACT DETAILS YOU MAY NEED

If you have any questions regarding program content then you should contact Luis Dionisio at luisfernandodionisio@gmail.com or call him on +351 961056865, or Pedro Torrão at franciscopedrotorao@gmail.com or call him on +351 962980818, or Bernardete Cambado at 3dete3@gmail.com or call her on +351 962742674 or just contact autonomiaedescoberta@gmail.com

Close Up - what to bring

Essential items

- 1 Passport
- 2 Travel insurance document
- 3 Personal travel / spending money (suggested 50€)
- 4 Receipts, invoices, tickets, boarding passes relating to your travel

For the program

- 1 Information about your organisation and projects
- 2 An energiser or icebreaker activity???
- 3 An activity for the intercultural evening, cultural market, etc
- 4 A large flag of your country

General

- 5 Camera
- 6 Laptop
- 7 Mobile phone and charger
- 8 Small bag or rucksack
- 9 Plug adapter (if required - Euro type)

Clothes

- 5 Everyday clothing
- 6 tracksuit (for cooler evenings)
- 7 Clothing suitable for outdoor activities
- 8 Shoes / trainers (also suitable for outdoors and walking)

Toiletry

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- 1 Shower gel / shampoo/ Soap
- 2 Hair brush
- 3 Glasses / lenses etc (if required)
- 4 Shaving set (if required)
- 5 Personal medication (if required)
- 6

Indispensable:

- 7 Your good energy and fun

